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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9968

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF VN MY

SUBJ: INDOCHINA REFUGEES

REF: KL 2790 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE TOLD GOM AT SEVERAL LEVELS THERE IS  
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AMONG REFUGEES ON PULAU  
PERHENTIAN THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE RELATED TO EITHER  
U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS, OR WHO ARE  
FORMER USG EMPLOYEES, AND WE HAVE ASKED THAT ARRANGEMENTS  
BE MADE TO ALLOW US TO DETERMINE WHAT REFUGEES, IF  
ANY, MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR U.S. VISAS. (BASED ON  
TELEGRAMS, PHONE CALLS, LETTERS, ETC., WE HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO GIVE GOM SEVERAL NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO MAY BE  
ELIGIBLE.) TODAY (MAY 22) MFA UNDERSECRETARY YUSOF  
HITAM TELEPHONED DCM TO SAY GOM HALFWAY THROUGH  
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COMPREHENSIVE CENSUS OF ALL REFUGEES ON ISLAND.

WHEN CENSUS COMPLETE, WOULD WE BE INTERESTED IN  
INTERVIEWING THOSE WHO APPEARED TO BE ELIGIBLE  
FOR U.S. VISAS IN EITHER KOTA BHARU OR KUALA TRENGGANU?  
DCM REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE, AND WE ARE NOW AWAITING  
FURTHER WORD ON WHEN AND HOW TO PROCEED.

2. DURING CONVERSATION YUSOF COMMENTED THAT  
SO FAR CENSUS HAD TURNED UP ABOUT 200 ETHNIC CHINESE  
WHO WISHED TO GO TO TAIWAN. THIS PRESENTED A PROBLEM  
BECAUSE OF LACK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. GOM WAS,  
THEREFORE, CONSIDERING SPECIFICALLY ASKING UNHCR  
HELP IN HANDLING THIS PROBLEM, AND IN COMMUNICATING  
WITH ROC AUTHORITIES.

3. YUSOF ALSO COMMENTED THAT MALAYSIA WOULD  
NOT "SHIRK ITS DUTIES" AND WOULD RESETTLE A FEW  
PEOPLE WHO WOULD "FIT IN."

4. COMMENT: YUSOF CALL MAY REPRESENT POSITIVE  
STEP IN EVOLUTION OF GOM REFUGEE POLICY. IT OCCURS  
TO US, HOWEVER, THAT ROC NO LONGER IS MEMBER OF UN  
AND THEREFORE MAY BE OUTSIDE SCOPE OF UNHCR. WOULD  
APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES COMMENTS (A) WHETHER ROC  
WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE CHINESE SO IDENTIFIED  
(FYI - U.S. LANDING CRAFT CAPTAIN SAID ROC LST  
HAD BEEN LYING OFF VUNG TAU MAY 1 TO PICK UP ROC  
REFUGEES, BUT HAD BEEN FORCED TO LEAVE WITHOUT ANY);  
AND (B) WHETHER ICEM WOULD INTEREST ITSELF IN ASSISTING  
CHINESE REFUGEES IF ROC AGREED ACCEPT THEM.  
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